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ON THE COVER: This issue we have a lovely encased cent from T.P. BURNS. DRY GOODS of JANESVILLE, WIS. 'GOOD FOR 2 ½ CENTS IN TRADE HERE'. (Nice deal!) Of course we feature the reverse on our cover because it indicates the origin from Wisconsin. The obverse says, 'KEEP ME AND NEVER GO BROKE' –I BRING GOOD LUCK- and features a horseshoe, four-leaf clover, and a wishbone to ensure your good fortune. However, if you keep it you will miss out on the 2 ½ cent deal!! These encased, lucky cents were very popular in the day, usually encasing a Lincoln Cent. Much more scarce and interesting to behold is our subject holding a 1903 INDIAN HEAD CENT! (*Submitted by Tom Casper – Thanks!*)

We need your articles! Any size! Send them today! jkreichenberger@hotmail.com

From the Editor

HELLO SUMMER! Thank you for arriving before autumn, we hope you will stay for an extra month or two!

Your summer issue of NOW NEWS is jam-packed to fill your summer months with reading pleasure. First and foremost, I want to offer this issue as a tribute to Phyllis Calkins, who, as most of you well know, has been the outstanding editor of NOW NEWS since 1998, and has recently decided to pass the torch. She has tutored me enough through the transition that she feels it is time to pry my hand from hers and let me go it alone. Make no mistake, she will still be available to lean on for sage advice, and she and Ron will continue to pen award-winning articles, but she deserves to relax and enjoy her 'retirement'. On behalf of the NOW Board of Governors, Officers, and General Membership, THANK YOU Phyllis, for your commitment to NOW, you wore many hats throughout the years with grace and dedication, and our club and our hobby are better for it.

Among the articles in this issue, Phyllis was kind enough to write a few paragraphs of memories from her and Ron's involvement in NOW. Other feature articles from your fellow NOW members include; 'Getting Back to Cents' by Mark Benvenuto; 'When Milwaukee Honored Lindbergh' by Tom Casper; '1935 and 1935A \$1 Silver Certificates' by Bill Brandimore; 'Words for Money' by Jeff Reichenberger, and Leon Saryan reports on the annual MNS Boy Scout Merit Badge program. As always, don't miss our regular departments: NOW News and Notes (lots of Spring Show Reports!), Coin Clubs, ANA news, U.S. Mint News, Books, and Show Calendar. Sadly, this issue has a few obituaries to report as several of our fellow NOW members have recently passed.

Do not forget to view all of the advertising throughout your NOW NEWS. They help offset the cost of producing this quarterly journal. It is not just coin and currency dealers who purchase ads, there is paid advertising for upcoming shows, newly published books, innovative websites, and more. Kindly patronize them, and if you have anything numismatic that you'd like to advertise, please contact me.

There are plenty of summer shows to attend, deals to be made, picnics to partake, and hammocks to lay in, so kick back with your favorite beverage and your NOW NEWS and enjoy the warm weather!

Jeff Reichenberger



Memories of NOW by Phyllis Calkins #99L

My first recollection of Numismatists of Wisconsin was when my husband, Ron, and I attended NOW's first convention on May 19-21, 1961 held at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee. The 3-day show was hosted by the Milwaukee Numismatic Society. I became member #250 (now Life #99). We attended the special tours, luncheons, banquets and other activities that were planned during the event.

In 1962 Chet Krause took over as NOW President from Bob Branigan. With membership and interest in numismatics growing, Chet felt a newspaper would keep Wisconsin collectors in closer touch with members, so he approached Ron about becoming the Editor, which we accepted. Our first issue consisted of 4-pages printed on legal-size paper and mailed to members on April 17, 1963.

Although we attended many coin shows, I was not interested in collecting coins. Ron's interest in coins started when he was a paper boy and later specialized and exhibited Wisconsin Obsolete Paper Money, which I helped him prepare and set up at coin shows. Old friends, Virgil and Daisy Jackson from Beaver Dam kept encouraging me to collect SOMETHING. Upon returning one year from vacation in Mexico, Virgil gave me 3 Chiclets which were given to them due to the shortage of small change. That was the beginning of my interest in "Odd & Curious" primitive money. My first exhibit was a 1-case display called "World Money in Your Kitchen." It showed a world map, little cups and saucers holding tea, cocoa beans, sugar, cotton, rice, tobacco and other items, including my little pieces of Chiclet gum. The whole exhibit wasn't worth 50¢, but the write-ups included a lot of information about the foods that were used as a medium of exchange and my little exhibit won an award in the "Odd & Curious" competition. My collections grew to include elephant tail bracelets, jade, kissi pennies, cowrie shells, togo, African manilla and many other items that were used as a medium of exchange. Eventually, I ended up exhibiting 5 cases of Indian trade items, including trader tokens, which were difficult to find. Sadly, our exhibiting days are over and several of our cases have now been given to our local historical society for their use.

We have had many memorable trips to Iola to attend coin shows and Chet's "Day in the Country" – it was a wonderful opportunity to get-together with old friends. At NOW's 50th anniversary show held in Iola in 2010, the 6 living NOW charter members received a 5-medal set of silver NOW medals from the 5 events held in Iola. ANA President, Cliff Mishler also honored Ron and I by giving us a special ANA President's award in recognition of a lifetime of service to NOW.

The old adage "what goes around, comes around" is true -- In 1998 I once again became editor of the N.O.W. newsletter. Since we no longer travel to coin shows throughout Wisconsin, I approached Jeff Reichenberger about helping cover the NOW board meetings and coin shows which we no longer attended. Unfortunately, in October I suffered a stroke and with the help of the internet and our computers Jeff became the new editor sooner than he had planned. Thank you Jeff, for picking up the pieces and adding a new look to our newsletter.

Phyllis





N.O.W. NEWS AND NOTES

N.O.W. BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING REPORT

Your NOW Board of Governors met on May 4th at the Nicolet Coin Club Spring Show in Green Bay at the Comfort Suites Rock Garden Hotel. Present were Vice President Fred Borgmann, Secretary/Treasurer Bill Oldenburg, Governors Bob VanRyzin, Lee Hartz, Bill Brandimore, Tom Casper, Leon Saryan, Joel Edler, Cliff Mishler, Ken Muelling, Jeff Reichenberger, and newly sworn in Matt Janzen.

Agenda discussions included:

Open Governors Positions have been filled! Matt Janzen who is a member of the Wisconsin Valley Coin Club, and Darryl Luedke who is a member of the South Shore Coin Club have stepped up to the plate for NOW. Both are qualified numismatists and have an interest in the future of the club and the hobby. We look forward to their input.

The NOW website has been upgraded! Anyone can now access many of the interesting articles written by your fellow NOW members. Click the 'NOW articles written by members' tab. On the left there is a menu of articles to choose, just click one and enjoy! Check it out! Numismatistsofwisconsin.com

The NOW Show for 2015 will be held in Iola on May 15 & 16, hosted by the Wisconsin Valley Coin Club. The 2016 show will be held in Milwaukee and hosted by the South Shore Coin Club and the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, it will take place in the spring, the date to be determined.

Financial and membership status reports. The club is financially healthy and membership has grown by more than 20 members since the first of the year to approximately 240. We are planning to have an NOW table at upcoming shows to promote the club and recruit new members. All NOW members are encouraged to lend a hand occupying our table for an hour or two at the shows. Please contact any one of your Board members for more info.

Other items discussed were, future quorums at the B.O.G. and General Membership meetings, eligibility of non-members to take part in our writers awards, next meeting October 5th in Milwaukee.

Your Board of Governors meets at least 3 times a year at various venues throughout Wisconsin, usually in conjunction with a show. The General Membership meeting is held yearly at the N.O.W. show. Please contact any of the board members with your ideas or comments. N.O.W. is YOUR club, the more input from all members, the better the club will be for all of us and our hobby.



2013 Writer's Award Results

The 2013 Writer's Awards were tabulated and submitted at the Board of Governors meeting on May 4th by Governor Ken Muelling. The results are as follows:

1st Place – Phyllis Calkins – 'POWs in Wisconsin'

2nd Place – Tom Casper – 'Watertown's Herman Graewe and His Counterfeit Sniffing Dog'

3rd Place – Ron Calkins – 'Toll bridges a part of the past'

Congratulations to our winners!! Once again, every article on the ballot received votes, a testament to our interesting and diverse club.

Special Thanks to our generous Award Sponsors, the South Shore Coin Club sponsors the \$100 First Place award, Wisconsin Coin Expos LLC sponsors the \$50 Second Place award, and Milwaukee Numismatic Society sponsors the \$25 Third Place award.

PLEASE send us YOUR article about your favorite numismatic subject. If you have questions or concerns about submitting an article, don't hesitate to ask.

Show Reports

There are quite a few spring show reports. As you will see, collectors and dealers alike were ready to deal and they got the coin community rolling for a great 2014.

WAUSAU, March 30.

The Wisconsin Valley Coin Club held its annual show on Sunday, March 30th. It was a beautiful day, one of the warmest this spring, but most of Central Wisconsin was still covered in snow or slush, so outdoor activities were limited. Cabin fever may have brought out an unusually large crowd to the show. Our bourse was full of dealers, and by 11:00a.m., the aisles were crowded with customers. Our kids' table was jumpin' as well! Most dealers and collectors seemed pleased with the show. Longtime WVCC member, Jerry Schwartz said, "It was a great show!"

MILWAUKEE, April 3-5. (Submitted by John and Nancy Wilson – Thank you!) The South Shore Coin Club (www.ssccmke.org) held their 50th Annual Show on April 3-5, 2014 at the Clarion Hotel & Conference

Center, located on Howell Ave. near the airport. The hotel has free parking. We want to thank President Steven Jendusa and Show Chairman Joe Bartoszewicz, along with the officers and members of the SSCC for giving the American Numismatic Association (www.money.org) a free table at the show. We were able to sign up 14 members for the Association and give out coin collecting information to visitors. Russ and Ken Konig from the Greater Milwaukee Coin & Jewelry Exchange located both in Brookfield and Waukesha, WI donated \$25 for the shipment of the coin show kit.

About 30 people waited patiently for the show to open on Thursday. The SSCC "volunteer" members were kept busy registering dealers and early birds, passing out wooden money, handing out tickets for the hourly door prizes and selling raffle tickets. The show was sold out and had 44 dealers occupying 78 tables. The attendance over three days was 900, which included 200 free seniors. Thirty children from MPS Alcott Elementary School, along with chaperones had a great time for their field trip to the show. Several very nice competitive and non-competitive exhibits were on display. A Milwaukee Numismatic Society Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic was held on Saturday in conjunction with the show. It was chaired by Dr. Leon Saryan who was assisted by club members. The 54 scouts who signed up passed all requirements and received their Coin Collecting Merit Badge. After the clinic most of the scouts visited the bourse. The show was busy in the morning and early afternoon hours for the three day show. -Thanks again to the SSCC for the free ANA table.

MADISON, April 6. (Submitted by Tom Galway – Thank you!)

On Sunday, April 6 the Madison Coin Club held a successful coin show at the Sheraton Hotel. It was the Club's 82nd anniversary Show. Although it was a beautiful sunny spring day, over 300 people attended. We had a sold out bourse, but unfortunately a few dealers that had reserved tables did not show up. We also signed up eight new members including three junior members. The only negative comment I heard was from one dealer who did not get the table location he wanted.

I think we have now fully recovered from our "disaster show" of 2012. If you want to review that debacle please see N.O.W. News Winter 2012 page 5 and Spring 2013 page 5. Our 2015 show is scheduled for Sunday, March 22 at the Sheraton. Bourse applications will be sent out in early January.

CHICAGO, April 10-13. Chicago International Coin Fair (Submitted by dealer Marc Breitsprecher – Thank you!)

The CICF show was, as always a great show. This was my 19th consecutive year of attendance. The auction was the best in recent memory with a collection of aureii that attracted a number of collectors and dealers not normally in attendance. I always enjoy talking with many ancient coin dealers who have attended this show for years. VCoins/VAuctions had a table and I took the opportunity to view some lots from the current VAuction. I always buy a lot of coins at CICF but the best reason to walk the CICF show is that so many collectors and customers come to Chicago. I go from table to table and meet

customers almost everywhere I go. There is always a family feel to the CICF show unlike the trade show feel of most of the big shows.

APPLETON, April 13. (Submitted by Jerry Roberts – Thank you!)

The Fox Valley Coin Club annual coin show was once again a rousing success. We had a steady flow of people from the moment the doors opened at 9:00 am until they closed at 4:00pm. Many of the dealers generously donated wonderful door prizes that were appreciated by both the coin club and the lucky prize winners. The dealers also told us that they were very happy with the results of the show. The wonderful Wisconsin weather probably contributed to the number of people who visited the show. Our next show, as always, will be scheduled for Palm Sunday (March 29) of 2015.

CHICAGO, April 23-26. Central States (*From CoinWeek*)

Another Central States Numismatic Society Convention is in the history books. This one, of course, will be well-remembered as the Diamond Jubilee convention of the CSNS. If proof were needed, it shows that Central States remains an important and historic organization.

Many of the dealers interviewed said they had a good show. The traffic, from our point of view, seemed a little lighter than what we saw at Baltimore, but felt on par with the ANA's National Money Show in Atlanta.

Ultimately, however, it isn't about foot traffic. It's about buyers. Heritage had a fantastic auction and if that action was shared on the bourse floor, then the Central States Numismatic Society's 75th Anniversary Convention was a big success.

GREEN BAY, May 4.

Nicolet Coin Club Spring show was well attended by the public during peak hours on a nice day in early May in Wisconsin. The NOW Board of Governors enjoyed a productive meeting and mingling on the busy bourse.

SHEBOYGAN, May 10.

The Sheboygan Coin Club show was held at its new location at the Laker's Ice Center. Everyone reported to be pleased with the facility. The local youth skating group ran a tasty concession stand for all to enjoy. Attendance was average on this day according to Ed Rautmann, but plenty of deals were made and the new location helped keep the room abuzz.

CLUB NEWS

34th MNS Annual Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic held in Milwaukee

By Leon Saryan #100

Fifty-four young boy scouts successfully completed their coin collecting merit badges at the 34th annual Boy Scout Coin Collecting merit badge clinic held in Milwaukee April 5.

The clinic, sponsored and organized by the Milwaukee Numismatic Society since 1980, was held at the Clarion Hotel Conference Center near the Milwaukee Airport, in conjunction with the three-day South Shore Coin Club annual show.

The four-hour Saturday morning program provides boys aged 11 to 15 with a comprehensive overview of numismatics. Topics covered include coin and paper money manufacture, coin basics and terminology, gathering and storing a coin collection, coin identification, mints and mint marks, designer's initials, the state quarter program, coin grading, paper currency basics, and an introduction to federal banking system. At the conclusion of the program, all scouts had a chance to attend the coin show bourse and have a chance to view and purchase coins and currency offered for sale by dealers.

Each scout was presented with a goody bag filled with collectable coins, tokens, and paper currency, all donated to MNS by dealers and various organizations. Special gifts were distributed for answering difficult questions. This year, donations were received from the US Mint, Greater Milwaukee Coin (Brookfield, WI), American Coin (Racine, WI), Bob's Coins on Becher (West Allis, WI), Kurt Krueger (Iola, WI), and Shorewood Coin Shop (Shorewood, WI). MNS is extremely grateful to all those who supported the program with their donations.

The merit badge clinic was inaugurated more than three decades ago by veteran MNS members Lee Hartz and Tom Casper, and substantially enhanced by Bruce Benoit. Principal speaker and clinic coordinator this year was MNS past-president Leon Saryan.

The success of the clinic is the result of a great team effort by numerous MNS members. Stu Caddell drove the enhanced PowerPoint program with integrated video clips. Video clips from a movie feature entitled the "Money Story" demonstrated the processes used for the production of coins and paper currency. Volunteers checked the boys in, examined their collections, and graded their quizzes. They also packed up the goody bags. Featured speakers included Roger Lick who discussed coin grading, Dave Hunsicker who spoke about mint marks and designer initials, and Lee Hartz who presented paper money and the United States Federal Reserve system. Clinic coordinator Leon Saryan presented an introduction to coin collecting and described the state quarter program.

Other key volunteers included Peter Caddell, who helped speakers pass out the quizzes, and several test graders—Gary Bieringer, Henry Jaworsky, Betty Petrovick, Josh Whitehall, Justin Perrault, Dave Herrewig, Gary Bieringer and Pam Talmadge.

This year's program was very well-received by the boys and several parents who attended.

MNS is grateful for the cooperation of the South Shore Coin Club, which arranged for the meeting room at the Clarion in conjunction with their excellent three-day show which ran from April 3-5.

For more information about the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, visit the society's website at www.milwaukeenumismaticsociety.com.



Scenes from the 2013 Clinic: Speaker (and scout leader) Dave Hunsicker with a group of scouts; scouts filling the room listen to a speaker, speaker (and scout leader) Lee Hartz explains the mysteries of US paper currency, scouts from many local area troops participated in the program.

Wisconsin Valley Coin Club



The Wisconsin Valley Coin Club held its annual Coin Quiz during the February and March meetings. Members went head to head answering questions chosen by President Terry Kafka and Vice President Bill Brandimore. Our champions, Jeff Muzynoski(left), in the amateur division, and Bob Petz, in the coin professional division, were both undefeated! They are pictured with their championship "Olympic"medals.

Racine Numismatic Society

From the RNS meeting March 13.

Communications: *Excerpt from the Racine Journal Times March 17, 2014.*

Racine – Coin Collecting is a great hobby for people who enjoy history and it just so happens the history of coin collecting is tied to Racine. Richard Roskres, 86 of Racine has been collecting for 50 years, is active in the Racine Numismatic Society and knows the history of coin collecting well. "You know that Racine has a very rich history in coins and coin collecting," he points out, referring to the origins of the "Red Book," a bible for the coin collectors. Whitman, a Racine company, is credited with publishing early Red Books and coin folders that encouraged the growth of the hobby. "My hobby is coin collecting or numismatics. Coins are very educational as each has a history lesson behind them. It is always a reward to learn something new."

COIN CLUB MEETINGS

BARRON COUNTY COIN CLUB

Meets 7:00 p.m. the 2nd Thursday at the School Administration Bldg., 700 Augusta St., Rice Lake. Contact Barron County Coin Club, P.O. Box 362, Rice Lake, WI 54868.

CHIPPEWA VALLEY COIN CLUB

Meets at 7:00 on the 1st Thursday of each month in the basement of Parks Rec. Bldg., 1300 1st Ave. in Eau Claire. E-mail S4701.com/coinclub or PO Box 2140 Eau Claire, WI 54702.

ELGIN IL COIN CLUB

Meets at 7:30 1st Wednesday at Elgin Moose Fam.Ctr. 92S 5. McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123. Contact Don Cerny, PO Box 651, 5. Elgin, IL 60177. Ph. B47-BBB-1449.

FISHBOWL WOODEN NICKEL COIN CLUB

Meets the 3rd Thursday (April-October); at the Siren Senior Center, 23943 State Road 35, Siren, 6:30 traders; 7:00 business meeting (Nov.-March) at 24136 State Road 35/70, Siren. Contact Gary Schauls, 2702 150th St., Luck, WI 54853-3B11. Phone 715-472-2002.

FOND DU LAC COIN CLUB

Meets the 1st Tuesday (May thru Sept.) at the Senior Center East 2nd Street in Fond du Lac. Contact Fond du Lac Coin Club, PO Box 2S4, Oshkosh, WI 54903.

FOX VALLEY COIN CLUB

Meets at 6:30 the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at Good Will – Community Entrance, 1800 Appleton Road, Menasha. Corner of HWYs 47 and 10.

INTNL BANK NOTE SOCIETY – MIDWEST CHAPTER

Meets at 1:00 the 2nd Saturday each month at North Shore Library, 6800 North Port Washington Road in Glendale. www.mcfls.org/northshorelibrary.

KENOSHA COIN CLUB

Meets at 7:30 on the 1st Thursday of each month (except July & August) at 3030 39th Ave, Kenosha. Contact: Jerry Binsfeld 262-657-4653.

KETTLE MORAINA COIN & STAMP CLUB

Meets at 7:30 on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Silverbrook Middle School, 120 N. Silverbrook Drive in West Bend. Youth meeting at 6:30. Contact: Dave Hunsicker 262-338-6064.

LAKE COUNTY COIN CLUB

Meets 7:00 the 1st Tues. each month at the Gurnee Police Facility, 100 N. O'Plaine Rd., Gurnee, IL. Contact: George Efsen, 847-975-S33B..

LAKELAND COIN & STAMP CLUB

Meets at 6:45 the first and third Thursday of each month at Lakeland Senior Center, Woodruff, WI.

MADISON COIN CLUB

The club tries to meet at 7:00 pm on the 1st or 2nd Monday or Tuesday of each month at the Alicia Ashman Branch of the Madison Public Library, 733 N. High Point Road. Contact Tom Galway. Phone 608-23B-1722.

MANITOWOC COIN CLUB

No regular monthly meetings. An annual coin show is held in February. Contact Al Hrudka 920-775-4979.

MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Meets at 7:00 on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Mayfair Mall Community Room, 2500 N. Mayfair Road in Wauwatosa (use #2 entrance, east side of mall). Contact www.milwaukeenumismaticsociety.com.

NICOLET COIN CLUB

Meets at 6:30 on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at the Bay Family Restaurant corner of Military and 9th St. in G. Bay.

RACINE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Meets at 7:30 on the 2nd Thursday at Castlewood Restaurant, 2B15 Wisconsin St., Sturtevant. Contact Bill Spencer 262-637-7766. (no July or Aug. mtg).

RICHLAND CENTER COIN CLUB

Meets 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Bowling Alley. No meetings June/July/August. Contact Larry Schlafer 608-279-11B2.

ROCKFORD AREA COIN CLUB

Meets 6:30 Thursday at North Suburban Women's Club, 6320 N. 2nd St., Loves Park, www.exonumia.com/RACC.htm. Contact: Rockford Area Coin Club, c/o Darrell Schultz, P.O.Box 294, Cherry Valley, IL 61016.

SHEBOYGAN COIN CLUB

Meets at 7:00 the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at Maple Lanes, 3107 S. Business Dr., in Sheboygan. Contact Sheboygan Coin Club, PO Box 907, Sheboygan, WI 530B2.

SOUTH SHORE COIN CLUB

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of month at 5t. Roman's Parish Office, 1710 W. Bolivar Ave. Milw. Cntct: Steven Jendusa 414-364-3772. www.sscmke.org.

WAUKESHA COIN CLUB

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st Wednesday of month at the Waukesha Salvation Army at 445 Madison St., Waukesha. Contact Forrest Schumacher, 2300 Avalon Drive, Waukesha, WI 531B6. Ph: 262-\$42-\$990. www.waukeshaco-inclub.com.

WISCONSIN VALLEY COIN CLUB

Meets at 6:30 on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at Schofield Coin & Hobby, 7S4 Grand Ave., Schofield, WI S4476. (June, July, Aug. mtg 3rd Tue.) Contact Thad Streeter S002 Tanya St. Schofield, WI 5447B Ph.715-574-2777.

WHEN MILWAUKEE HONORED LINDBERGH

-By Tom Casper #982

World famous aviator, Charles Lindbergh, nicknamed Lucky Lindy and the Lone Eagle, made his historic flight on May 20-21, 1927. His famed solo, non-stop flight left New York City and landed the following day in Paris, France. His single-seat, single-engine *Spirit of St. Louis* flew a distance of 3,600 miles.

After returning home, he embarked on a three month flying tour in the *Spirit of St. Louis* to all 48 states, visiting 92 cities and giving 147 speeches. He arrived in Milwaukee on August 20, 1927 for a dinner reception in the Fern Room of the Pfister Hotel. A program booklet from that reception listed the dignitaries that were present; Mayor Daniel Hoan, Rev. Gustav Stearns, Common Council President Cornelius Corcoran, Milwaukee Association of Commerce President Philip Koehring, and Postmaster Col. Peter Piasecki. They dined on filet mignon with all the trimmings. On August 22, 1927 he flew out of Milwaukee headed for Madison, WI. Shown here is the front cover of the program.

Lindbergh attended UW Madison from 1920-1922 but dropped out of the engineering program to attend a flying school in Nebraska. In 1924 he joined the U.S. Army Air Service. He finished first in his class earning a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Service Reserve Corps. He then joined the 110 Observation Squadron, 35th Division of the Missouri National Guards where he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. By 1928 he rose to the rank of Colonel.

He made numerous trips to Germany prior to WWII. He attended the 1936 Olympic Games as their guest and was awarded the Service Cross of the German Eagle which he wore despite protests by an appalled American public. President Roosevelt criticized Lindbergh's views on neutrality as being those of a defeatist and appeaser... The press labeled him as a Nazi sympathizer. Three days later he resigned his commission in April, 1941. After Pearl Harbor he supported the war effort. President Roosevelt

refused to reinstate his Colonel commission. He went to work for private aircraft companies as a consultant helping to improve our military aircraft... As a civilian and volunteer he flew 50 combat missions in the Pacific Theater. In 1954 Lindbergh was re-commissioned in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and appointed a Brigadier General by President Eisenhower.

Medals depicting Lindbergh. The brass medal (left) shows Lindbergh as

Captain, his rank at the time of his historic flight, while the silver medal shows him later as Colonel Lindbergh.



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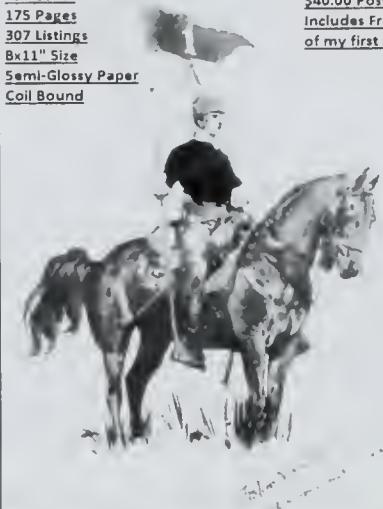
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GETTING BACK TO CENTS *by Mark Benvenuto #2089*

After the collecting bug has hit someone, they usually take all the coins they have amassed into a collection and work in some direction that appeals to them for the history, the beauty, or the value of the overall collection they can build. Many numismatists will say that they started with something as simple as pennies – more properly, one-cent copper coins – but that they have moved on into other coins and other series. Thus, it might be fun then to look at pennies one more time, to see if there is any cause or reason to get back to cents.

The Lincoln Memorial reverses



Some of us might argue that the entire set of Lincoln Memorial reverses on our one-cent coins is the reason less people appear to collect cents now than they did in the past. All of them are common, all have massive mintages, and just about all of them are still available from change. If you do want to assemble any of these cents that are in absolutely the best condition, you still won't have to part with too much from your own wallet. Proofs are about \$20 for an MS-69 specimen.

That 1955 doubled die



Moving back into the wheat-back Lincoln cents, the 1955 doubled die obverse has been a key coin within the series for decades. Even today, it will cost at least \$2K for a good looking example. Yet despite the price, this remains a truly key coin for the copper lover.

The 1943 Steel Cents



There are hundreds of millions of steel cents out there from that one year, and many of them remain inexpensive today. Indeed, dealers at many shows will have a bargain bin of cents, sometimes heavily loaded with the 1943's. But when it comes to the truly exceptional pieces, we will have to pay something. Right now, \$80 to \$120 will land one in a grade such as MS-67. That is no longer cheap, but it generally won't steamroll a wallet, either.

Any of the 1909 Cents



For as long as most of us have been alive, the 1909 Lincoln cents have been a coin (or four coins rather) worth talking about. The 1909-S VDB is the undisputed king of Lincolns-worth-looking-at (if that is a category), but the others have been examined, graded, and encapsulated by some third party grading service, to the point that a collector can get just

about any grade he or she wants, in any shade from red to brown to green. Right now, \$100 will purchase something like a 1909 in MS-65 that is still red, and \$2K is the ante for the coveted 1909-S VDB in MS-60 grade.

Getting to the Indians Heads

Even if Lincoln cents don't wind your clock, as it were, the Indian Head cents have been a favorite of collectors for decades. Plenty of them were made in huge numbers, and as a consequence are common enough today. Once again, dealer bargain bins are out there with circulated Indian Head cents, often for very low prices.

But for our purposes, we need a good looking Indian Head cent at a reasonable price. The many common date pieces generally go for about \$125 in the grade MS-64RB, meaning MS-64 with a red-brown surface. That's not pocket change, but again, it's not grossly expensive.

The 1877 Indian Head



Like any series, the Indian Head cents have their key coins, and the 1877 is one of them. Its mintage doesn't qualify as tiny, but it could be titled, "least among equals" as it were. Price tags for a specimen of your very own start at \$75 for a piece in MS-60, and jump to \$500 for a MS-65RB example. Most of us might consider \$500 a smidge high for a single cent – even an amazing 1877 Indian Head – but the \$75 tag is much easier to swallow.

A Copper-Nickel Indian Head



These early Indian Head cents are not particularly rare, and not all that expensive either. It will cost about \$100 for any of them in MS-60, and you have the 1860 to 1864 from which to choose. As with all the others we have mentioned, the prices do tend to jump as one delves into higher and higher grades within the MS region.

The 1859 Indian Head



While this does not get considered as a key date in the series, since over 36 million were made, the 1859 is a stand-alone cent simply because of the reverse design, the laurel wreath. If you can part with \$250, it's possible to land one in MS-60. But if a person is willing to step down to an EF-40 example, which still has plenty of detail, the price drops to about \$100. Interestingly, there are big differences for little grades from MS-63 upward. It appears there are still some collecting aficionados who will pay a premium for technical excellence in their copper, at least when it comes to this coin.

A Flying Eagle Cent



Okay, let's ignore the 1856 Flying Eagle, in all its expensive glory, unless you are sleeping on a mattress made of money. Both common dates, 1857 and 1858 are about \$400 in MS-60, which makes one of these a neat addition to the collection we are assembling here.



Overall?

Well, we certainly haven't "gone back to cents" here in the sense of filling in the holes in pressed board pages. Using encapsulated coins in high grades, that's probably not possible any longer. But we have seen a way to divide all the small cents from 1856 to the present into nine admittedly uneven divisions, all of which have at least one coin that a person could be proud to have as part of a larger collection. Perhaps these could be the nucleus of any collection that eventually expands into the larger, older coppers. Or perhaps these nine could just re-ignite a love of collecting and of that place from which so many of us started.

Speaking of cents.... Here is an idea to put your stockpile to good use!

COPPER CADDY

This is a 1949 Cadillac that is completely covered with 38,295 cents! They were affixed "one by one" using a silicone based adhesive, and added over 200 pounds to the vehicle's weight. The entire project took 6 weeks. The cents are all U.S. issues and include one 1817 large cent, two error cents, and four 1943 steelies. (As we in numismatics know, it is most likely this 'Copper Cadillac' is about 80% zinc! Thanks to Tom Cosper for submitting this cool photo.) -Editor



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1935 and 1935A \$1 Silver Certificates by Bill Brandimore #96L

The 1935 \$1 silver certificate was a new design, replacing the 1934 \$1 silver certificate which retained the "Funny Back" design from the 1928 issues, but added a large blue numeral one to the left of Washington's portrait on the face of the note. The new 1935 design featured an "All Seeing Eye" above a pyramid on the left and the Great Seal on the right, but retained Washington's portrait on the face. The notes were, of course, issued during the midst of the Great Depression and were generally well used. Not too many collectors were putting away packs of notes for posterity. The notes were signed by The Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau Jr. and Treasurer W.A. Julian. Their terms coincided from January 1, 1933 to July 22, 1945. Generally signature changes or major design changes call for the designation of a new series. The 1935A series was introduced because of a very slight design change. The Face and Back plate numbers had been $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 millimeter high throughout the 1928 issues, the 1934 issue and the 1935 issue. A change was made for the 1935A issue, enlarging the Face and Back plate numerals to a full 1 millimeter in height. I can tell them apart rather easily because I can read the 1 millimeter numerals, but need my magnifier to read the $\frac{1}{2}$ millimeter size.



Because of this slight change, some interesting developments took place that would impact currency collectors. At that time in America's conduct of business, bureaucrats were still careful of the tax payer's pocketbooks. Thus, it didn't make much sense to toss out the 1935 back plates before they wore out just because of a minor change in the size of back plate numerals. In addition, when the 1935A issue began production, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was still printing 1935 notes. The plates became interchanged and for a short period of time some of the 1935 notes were printed with the somewhat larger Back plate

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numerals of the 1935A series. Notes with different sized plate numbers on the Face and Back are known as **MULES**. As production of the 1935A series ramped up some of the 1935 Back plates were used in printing them, creating 1935A note mules with the smaller Back plate numerals of the 1935 plates. By the time we went into the 1935B issue some years later the 1935 plates were well used and no Mules are known for notes of 1935B and beyond.

In addition, no Mules are known for the 1935A \$1 Hawaiian notes or the 1935A North Africa notes. The 1935A R and S Experimental notes are also unknown in Mule varieties.



For collectors, the ramifications are several. 1935 Mule notes are scarcer than the regulation items. Some of the scarcer blocks carry values of up to \$500 in Gem Uncirculated condition. Some 1935A Mules carry values of up to \$500 as well, with the rare DB block valued at \$1,000 currently. The Star notes are even better, with the 1935 Mule star valued at \$9,000 in Gem and \$2,000 in Very fine Condition. The 1935A Mule star carries a price tag of \$1,300 in Gem condition.

This makes for a great opportunity to look for Mules in old piles of well circulated 1935 and 1935A \$1 silver certificates. Even in Very Good condition these notes are generally worth \$20 each or more. The same thing happened in other issues. Look for Mules in the 1928 \$2 Legal Tender notes of 1928C and 1928D; the \$5 Legal Tender notes of 1928B, 1928C; \$5 Silver Certificates 1934, 1934A, 1934B, and 1934C. This phenomenon also occurs in \$10 silver Certificates of 1934 and some Federal Reserve notes of all denominations. For more information on which blocks have Mule representatives consult the Schwartz/Lindquist Standard Guide to Small- Size U.S. Paper Money. There are also a few Mules in some of the Large Size notes, the 1901 \$10 Buffalo Legal Tender and the \$5 1899 Indian chief notes in particular. **Now consider yourself armed for Cherry Picking!**



Money Museum presents new exhibit: 'Treasures of the Deep'

COLORADO SPRINGS - The Edward C. Rochette Money Museum will present a new exhibit, "Treasures of the Deep: Galleons, Storms and Archeology," telling the story of the world's greatest shipwrecks, the treasures they carried and the efforts to preserve the shipwreck sites. The exhibit opened on June 5 with a free Open House.

"This exhibit focuses not only on the romance of sunken treasure, but also on the exciting process of rediscovering and recovering treasure from the ocean floor," said Douglas Mudd, curator for the Money Museum. "A big part of the story is the science involved in rediscovering these wrecks, which are time capsules that preserve the history of seafaring."

The lure of gold and silver discovered in North America drew settlers from Europe to explore and colonize the New World, changing the economic and political world map in the process. Spain used the bullion discovered to craft ingots and coinage in the form of silver reales and gold escudos. These coins would dominate the world economy for centuries and become legendary for their rich history as pirate gold and lost treasure.

The exhibit will explore adventures on the world's oceans along with artifacts and treasure found in underwater wrecks from the 16th century to the modern day. The history of underwater recovery and archaeology will be highlighted with the help of Odyssey Marine Exploration, one of the largest and most successful underwater recovery organizations. The exhibit highlights the research and technology used to locate long-lost ships and preserve historical artifacts.

The exhibit is sponsored in part by Daniel Frank Sedwick, LLC, an auctioneer and specialist in shipwreck coins.



Hands Across the Border: ANA, RCNA team up to promote shows

Members receive benefits from both organizations

The American Numismatic Association and the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association are teaming up to promote their conventions in August 2014. The ANA's World's Fair of MoneySM will be held August 5-9 in Chicago (Rosemont). RCNA's 61st Anniversary Convention will be the following week, August 13-16, in Toronto (Mississauga).

ANA and RCNA members will get free admission to the 123rd World's Fair of Money in Chicago with a valid ANA or RCNA membership card. ANA members will also receive free admission to the RCNA 61st Anniversary Convention with a valid ANA membership card.

The RCNA honorary chair at the World's Fair of Money is William K. Cross, author of "The Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins." Bret Evans, RCNA President, will be present at the ribbon cutting ceremony in Chicago. Clifford Mishler will be the ANA honorary chair at the RCNA 61st Anniversary Convention. ANA President Walter Ostromiecki Jr. and Mishler will assist in the ribbon cutting at the opening ceremonies.

"Hands Across the Border, in my mind at least, brings the two organizations closer together like they were in the past and further develops the collecting community in North America," Mishler said. "The more individuals we have doing numismatic related things, the greater the growth of the hobby in the United States and Canada."

Both conventions have complementary themes. The theme for the World's Fair of Money is "Countries & Currency." RCNA's 61st Anniversary Convention in Toronto has the theme of "Countries & Currency: Innovations in World Numismatics."

There will be several events at the World's Fair of Money geared toward extending "Hands Across the Border."

- Five Money Talks presentations on Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 5, 2014, from noon to 5 p.m. will be dedicated to Canadian topics including presentations from Brett Irick on "Introduction to Canadian Numismatics" and Paul Johnson speaking on "Some early history of Canadian numismatics and its relationship with the American Numismatic Association."



- Treasure Trivia participants will receive a Canadian coin. Families and school-age children can play the free ANA game. Those who find the answers to numismatic questions from participating dealers and clubs on the bourse floor go home with great prizes and a greater understanding of the hobby.
- "Countries & Currency: Innovations in World Numismatics" is the theme for the 2014 WFM Maynard Sundman/Littleton Coin Co. Lecture Series. Admission to the symposium is free and open to all attendees of the ANA's World's Fair of Money. Lectures will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 6.
- "Countries & Currency" is the 2014 World's Fair of Money Collectors Exhibit Class 19 Convention Theme. Collectors will exhibit numismatic items of any type that, together with the exhibit text, illustrate the theme of the convention.

RCNA members will receive ANA member prices when registering for seminars and classes at the World's Fair of Money.

"Those who participate in forums and educational opportunities at the two conventions will broaden their knowledge and appreciation of collecting in each of the respective countries," Mishler said.

The following week there will be several events at the RCNA's 61st Anniversary Convention in Toronto in partnership with the ANA:

Three ANA speakers during the RCNA Symposium on Wednesday, Aug. 13: Walter Ostromski Jr., "Connecting Hobbyists Today Through Coins & Currency - The Educational WOW Value;" Wendell Wolka, "Parallels in Canadian and United States Banking;" Clifford Mishler, "Hands Across the Border."

- The Master of Ceremonies at the banquet will be Wendell Wolka.
- ANA members can exhibit at the convention and participate in all activities without being an RCNA member.
- A special Niagara Falls tour is available to ANA members on Tuesday, Aug. 12. The tour departs from the RCNA convention site, the Delta Meadowvale hotel, Mississauga, Ontario.

To register for the World's Fair of Money, go to www.worldsfairofmoney.com

For more information about RCNA's convention or to register, go to www.rcna.ca/2014



WHAT'S NEW AT THE U. S. MINT

2014 American Eagle One Ounce Gold Uncirculated Coin

WASHINGTON - The United States Mint will open sales for the 2014 American Eagle One Ounce Gold Uncirculated Coin on May 22.

Orders are accepted at <http://www.usmint.gov/catalog> and at 1-800-USA-MINT (872-6468), while hearing- and speech-impaired customers with TTY equipment may order at 1-888-321-MINT. A fee of \$4.95 will be added to all domestic orders for shipping and handling.

Pricing for the coin is set according to the United States Mint's pricing structure for gold coins, available at <http://www.usmint.gov/catalog>.

(With gold prices hovering at a relatively affordable level, the ever popular American Eagle One Ounce Gold coin should sell very well. The One Ounce Proof Buffalo has already sold 10,000+ since its issue date May 8. -Editor)

The American Eagle One Ounce Gold Uncirculated Coin is the collector version of the American Eagle One Ounce Gold Bullion Coin. The 22-karat gold coin is struck on specially burnished blanks and has a finish similar to its bullion counterpart. However, unlike its bullion counterpart, the American Eagle One Ounce Gold Uncirculated Coin bears the "W" mint mark of the United States Mint at West Point. Each coin is encapsulated in plastic and mounted in a presentation case. A Certificate of Authenticity is included.

The coin's obverse bears the full-length figure of Liberty by renowned sculptor Augustus Saint Gaudens. The coin's reverse features sculptor Miley Busiek's design of a male eagle carrying an olive branch, flying above a nest containing a female eagle and her eaglets.

2014 National Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coins

Sales for the Baseball Hall of Fame coins have been excellent. The gold and silver coins sold out rather quickly and all that remain available are the clad half dollars. The reviews of the first-ever concave coin have been overwhelmingly positive. A pleasing design, good marketing plan, and somewhat reasonable price. In the winter '13 issue of NOW NEWS I commented that it was a neat concept and I hoped the mint could pull it off. Well, I'd say on this particular item, the U.S. Mint hit it out of the ballpark! - Editor



BEP Offers \$10 Generations Set

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing proudly presents the “\$10 Generations Set.” This limited edition, three-note set features Series 1995, 2001 and 2009 \$10 notes, with matching low serial numbers, from the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. Complementing the notes is a commemorative print of *Independence Hall* on the obverse and the *Liberty Bell* on the reverse with the inscription *We the People*. Also included is an educational booklet showcasing the history of \$10 United States paper currency since 1861.

The notes and print are protected by clear acid-free polymer sleeves, and presented in a leatherette binder.

Pricing starts at \$149.95 each. Bulk pricing is available at \$135.00 for quantities of 10 or more. This set is limited to 3,333 total units. Household purchase restrictions have been waived.

\$10 Generations

Series 1995, 2001 and 2009 \$10 Philadelphia Set



HUMOROUS-NUMIS *by Jeff Reichenberger #1933*

(Editor's note: From time to time I will attempt to humor you with a page or two of ramblings under the title HUMOROUS-NUMIS.)

WORDS FOR MONEY

I recently had an interesting conversation with a friend who attended a language symposium at a local university. He reported to me the remarkable lexicon of words related to money in the United States. In fact, there is only one aspect of American society where there exists more words and euphemisms, but this I will leave to your imagination. Native people of the Arctic are said to have over 100 different labels for different types of snow, perhaps not in formal study, but in anecdotal account. In other words, even the natives of the Arctic use slang!

We in America have taken slang and euphemism to the extreme. What's bad is good, what's down is up, what's left is right, what's in is out, etc. Which is why most middle-aged and senior people just stare, tilt their heads, and knit their brows when teens and twenty-something's speak. So it is no surprise that we have developed an inordinate array of words regarding coins, currency, and money in general.

Trying to sort through a list of money-words is an infinite exercise in futility, but since futility is my calling, let's dive in. We all have our favorites, for as long as I can remember, mine has been; *jack*, as in, "I don't have any *jack*", this is the proper way to say what actually came out of my mouth, which was, "I ain't got no *jack*". Other phrases I've used include, "Mom, give me some *jack*", "Sorry, I can't take you to a fine fast-food eating establishment *Suzy*, I'm *jackless*." Now, anytime my wife speaks I blurt out the Pavlovian response, "No *jack*" even before I know what it is she wants to talk about.

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Often we use words from foreign currencies or we simply 'slang up' their languages. Why we do this, I don't know, we're Americans, we just do. "Hey Frank, I just won 85 dinero playing poker!" It makes little sense, but Frank understands I didn't just win Spanish currency. Here are some others; gelt and shekels (Jewish), lucre (Latin), loonies (Canada), pesos (Mexico), zuma (Aztec), guineas and quid (Britain).

There are those from origins right here in the good ol' USA. We know them well and why they are pertinent. Consider; greenbacks, sawbuck, fin, tender, wampum, scrip, hundies, Benjies, Jacksons, grand, C-note, buckaroos, dead presidents, and cartwheels.

Then we have the obscurities. Words that make you scratch your head and wonder. How about; twankie, groat, rhino, grub-stalker, spondulie, blunt, buzzard, filth, bones, pelf, boffo, and one of my favorites; roanoke. Why roanoke? It has to do with shells the natives used as a monetary system, but I have my own theory; it is known that in the course of trading tools and things, English colonists presented a Roanoke native chief with a tin dinner plate. He put a hole in it and wore it around his neck. Hello! It's the first Indian Peace medal! Peace medals are exonumia; exonumia is a form of numismatics; numismatics is the study of money; therefore: money = Roanoke! It makes perfect sense, "Ma, I ain't got no Roanoke!"

Go on, make up your own contribution to money-words, there's plenty of room for more.

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Government wants the 1974 Aluminum Cent back

Randy Lawrence and Michael McConnell had a plan.

The two friends, brought together by serendipity and an extremely rare cent, were going to auction the coin later this month and donate part of the proceeds to charity. The one-of-a-kind 1974-D aluminum cent was expected to fetch \$250,000 or more.

But now the U.S. government wants it back.

A lawyer for the United States Mint sent a letter to the men in February stating that because the aluminum cent was never issued as legal tender, the coin remains property of the federal government, regardless of how long it was in private hands.



Lawrence, a real estate agent, inherited the coin from his father in 1980. He recently sold it to McConnell, owner of the La Jolla Coin Shop, who later uncovered the coin's history and notified Lawrence.

Now the men are taking the issue to federal court. They filed a lawsuit last month seeking a judgment from the court declaring that they, not the government, are the coin's true owners.

Meanwhile, plans to auction the coin remain on hold.

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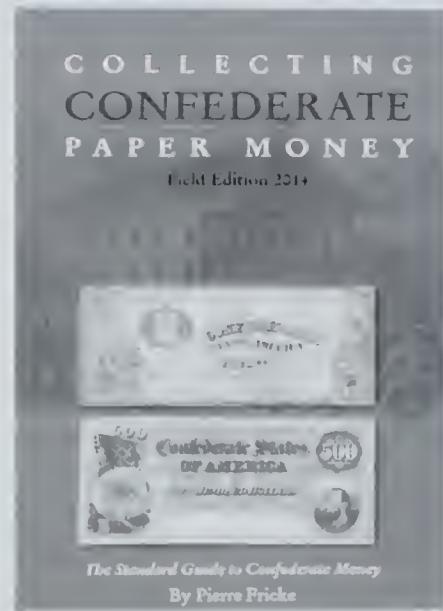
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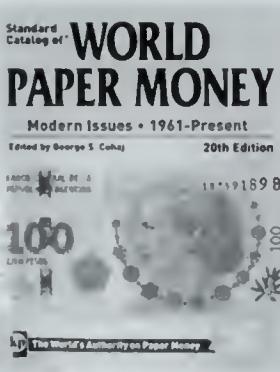
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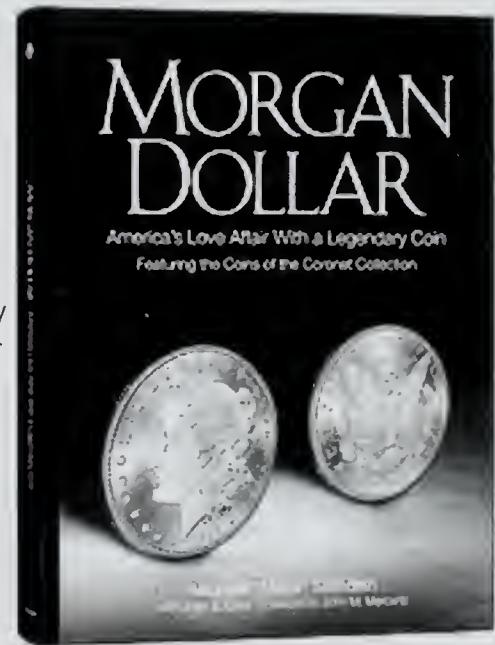
By Michael "Miles" Standish; foreword by John M. Mercanti

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"I predict that this will be the 'go to' book on the Morgan dollar," said John Mercanti, 12th chief engraver of the U.S. Mint, who wrote the foreword. "It's informative, easy to read, and perfect for the experienced Morgan collector or for the new collector just starting out."

Various sections discuss America during the Morgan dollar era; the anatomy of the coin's design; a market study going back to 1946; a year-by-year analysis of the series, including Philadelphia, New Orleans, Carson City, Denver, and San Francisco coins; and Morgan dollar Proofs. For further research the book is rounded out with end notes, a bibliography, and an index.

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Colonial Williamsburg's Collection of Coins, Medals, and Currency. "Dollars, Farthings & Fables" (From James Bucki – AboutCoins)

Housed in the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum in Colonial Williamsburg are numismatic gems in the world of colonial coinage, medals and currency. The exhibit "Dollars, Farthings & Fables" brings to life the currency and coins that were driving a young nation. These tangible assets from a distant past are displayed in a style that is both interesting and enlightening to all visitors of the museum. Since he was a boy, Curator Mr. Erik Goldstein was obsessed with the American Revolution while simultaneously being a coin collector. Therefore, it was only natural that he began to study colonial currency and early American coinage. He prefers "coins with history" over pristine examples that have never had a life outside of a museum's coin cabinet. One of his favorite examples of this principle is a Virginia halfpenny that was unearthed on the grounds of the Governor's Palace at Williamsburg. By no means is it an unspoiled specimen, but if it could talk it would have a story to tell that would keep us spellbound for hours.

"Dollars, Farthings & Fables"

The numismatic exhibit is a fun exploration of coins and currency in early Colonial America. The display explores the "first, biggest, prettiest, ugliest, busted myths and personalities" in colonial coins and currency. The exhibit guides visitors on a journey from colonial times to the beginnings of our new nation. Examples of wampum and "hoe" money that were traded with the early American Indians before coins arrived on our continent from other countries are on exhibit. Some of the other items you can see on display include a 1724 Brazilian 20,000 Reis gold coin, English farthing, 1652 Massachusetts "NE" Shilling, 1776 American Continental Dollar, gold doubloons, silver "pieces of eight", and a 1783 "Libertas Americana" silver medal brought back from France by Benjamin Franklin.

The Cornell Paper Money Hoard

One of the most impressive displays is the Cornell Paper Money Hoard. This hoard of North Carolina colonial paper money was assembled by Samuel Cornell, a merchant and currency speculator in the period right before the Revolution. While not the entire hoard, this portion contains about 4,200 notes from the original 6,700 notes and represents about 4% of that colony's total output of paper money during the period from 1748 until 1771.



The Jacob Giles Morris Collection

Another remarkable collection is the Jacob Giles Morris Collection of colonial paper money. The collection is still in its original leather bound album that was assembled by Morris until his death in 1854. It was donated by his heirs to the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in 2004. It is an almost complete date and denomination set of colonial currency that consists of 340 notes.

Start Collecting Colonial Coinage

Erik Goldstein is also a renowned expert on colonial coinage. According to Goldstein "collecting colonial coinage is not for the beginner, but if you are bored with modern or Early American coinage, you may want to consider collecting colonial coinage." He recommends that you first peruse the Redbook's section on colonial coinage. Additionally resources that he recommends include "The Early Paper Money of America" by Eric P. Newman and "Money of the American Colonies and Confederation" by Philip L. Mossman. You might also want to join the Colonial Coin Collectors Club. The items on public exhibit represent only a fraction of the total numismatic holdings of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Serious numismatic researchers should contact Mr. Goldstein directly if they would like to study items that are not on display.



Colonial coins and paper money are fascinating to collect and study.
Give it a try!

OBITUARIES



Thomas Warren Fruit

Thomas Warren Fruit, 78, of Town of Pittsfield, passed away peacefully at home with his family at his side on Thursday morning, December 26, 2013.

Tom was born October 28, 1935 in Erie, PA. He moved to South Milwaukee in 1950 with his parents Myrtle and Warren and younger sisters. Tom moved to Green Bay to attend St. Norbert's college, graduating in 1958. There he met Alice Tarmey and the two married in 1957. Tom's service as a lieutenant in the Army took his growing family to Olympia, WA, and other parts around the country before they settled back in the Green Bay area where they have resided for the past 58 years and raised their six children in a home filled with love, happiness, and encouragement. Tom founded White Pine Realty and enjoyed a long career in land development. He was an avid sportsman, organic gardener, archaeologist, historian, and scholar of early Wisconsin history. He also enjoyed genealogy, tracing his family tree back to the pre-revolutionary era. He was an active numismatist, co-founding the Nicolet Coin Club in 1960 with his longtime friend, Paul Kappel, who preceded him in death. Tom was able to enjoy many travel opportunities, especially revering his trips to Alaska and fishing trips to Canada.

Tom became NOW charter member #15 at the Krause Open House on July 8, 1960. He served on the Board 7 times (1964-66, 1966-68, 1970-72, 1972-74, 1980-82, 1982-84 and 1984-86. He also served as President of NOW from 1994-1996. His wife, Alice, recalls that Tom became interested in coins when he was a boy in Pennsylvania when he found a drawstring bag of old coins in a field. None had value, but an interest was born. After the family moved to South Milwaukee he joined the ANA. The mailman there told him that a noted collector lived just two blocks away, that collector was 'Mac' McDermott of 1913 Liberty Nickel fame. A friendship formed and Tom held 'the Nickel' from time to time.

Tom's enthusiasm for life, his passion for his many interests, love of nature and the outdoors, his steadfast values, his optimism, kindness, and his faith in God will live on in the hearts of his family. Although he suffered from Alzheimer's in later years, he remained active and in good spirits to the very end.

Clifford Mishler offers these reflections of Tom:

I had the pleasure of knowing and enjoying an association with Tom Fruit for more than 50 years. Having known him as a past editor of Numismatic News (1959 to 1961) and past president of the Numismatists of Wisconsin (1994 to 1996), as well as a friend, I found him to be possessed of dedicated and unselfish numismatic bearings.

I first encountered Tam at the fall convention of the Michigan State Numismatic Society hosted at the old Baak Cadillac Hotel in downtown Detroit. The occasion was the November 19, 1960, founding meeting of the Token & Medal Society (originally known as the Society of Token, Medal and Obsolete Paper Money Collectors). He was one of 13 enthusiasts in attendance at the meeting, the only remaining survivors being Q. David Bowers and myself,

with same of the others having been such well known individuals from the past as James J. Curta, George D. Hatie, Harry M. Lessin and Henry (Hank) Spongenberger.

A graduate to St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wis., Tom was a member of the curatorial staff at the Neville Public Museum in Green Bay before moving to La Crosse to join the News staff as its first editor. Tom left La Crosse and the News staff in 1961, relocating back to Green Bay, where he continued association with the Neville Public Museum and the early development of the Nicolet Cain Club.

In Green Bay he pursued involvement in real estate sales and development. With Cain collecting booming throughout Wisconsin, as it was throughout the entire country, the early 1960s also found him pursuing the wholesale distribution of Cain collecting supplies around northern Wisconsin. His sales and delivery trips often found him returning home by way of La Crosse.

My second encounter with Tom came in the late spring of 1963, not long after I had joined the News editorial staff at the invitation of then editor Edward C. Rachette. Being a fisherman at heart, Tom seemingly always had a fishing rod in his trunk. On the occasion of one of his passages through La Crosse, he successfully engaged this non-fisherman to enjoy an early evening outing with him on a local lake "where the fishing is really good."

The lake was Myklebust, a small one situated on the south edge of the village of La Crosse. Tom drove me down a rutted farm lane to a rickety pier extending out through the cattails and such to a rather derelict rowboat. After boiling water from the boat, we ventured forth onto the lake, me doing the oaring at his direction. While I don't remember for certain, I'm sure he caught some fish. Me, I caught a lot of mosquito bites.

"That was fun," Tom related when we returned to the farm lane to end the outing, "we'll have to do it again someday." We never did. While in some ways I certainly regret that we never did, I certainly don't regret having not again exposed myself to another "mosquito bite" experience on Myklebust!

Over the nearly 50 years that followed, I frequently enjoyed renewing acquaintances and passing time talking about the hobby with Tom when our paths crossed at shows, conventions and the occasional club meeting around Wisconsin and the Upper Midwest. Over that time I also observed his industriousness in serving as president of the Nicolet Cain Club and the Numismatists of Wisconsin, and as an involved chairman or volunteer at local and state conventions when they were hosted in Green Bay.

The last time Tom visited La Crosse was in 2010 to participate in the 50th anniversary event of the Numismatists of Wisconsin. The last time we visited was at the 2013 annual banquet of the then 55 year old Nicolet Cain Club, when I enjoyed sharing seating with him and his wife, Alice. The thought never entered my mind at the time, of course, that such occasions might turn out to be the last renewals of a long held friendship.



Jesse Miles

Jesse L. Miles, age 77, of Lancaster, passed away on Thursday, March 20, 2014, at Orchard Manor Nursing Home, Lancaster. He was born on October 11, 1936, in Slabtown, the son of Paul and Jeannette (Hickin) Miles. Jesse graduated from Lancaster High School in 1954. On May 12, 1956, he was united in marriage to Edna Schleicher. Jesse was employed at Dubuque John Deere for thirty years. During his retirement, Jesse traveled all over as a coin dealer for fifty plus years. He enjoyed playing softball, golf, and bowling.

Survivors include his children: Rick (Tina Richter), Steven, Keven, Douglas, Darrin, and Lori (Wayne) Vincent; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters: Ramona Reynolds and Janice (Joseph) Staskal; other relatives and many friends. Jesse was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Edna; a grandson, Ryan Vincent; a daughter-in-law, Bonnie Miles; a sister, Donna (Earl) Bradley and a brother-in-law, Hobart Reynolds.

(Jesse was not a current NOW member, however, many of us knew him as a frequent dealer at Wiscansin shaws. —Editar.)



Harold 'Harry' Collins

Former Milwaukee coin dealer, Harold "Harry" Collins, 66, was killed in an apparent robbery on May 1, 2014. It occurred in Monroe, Louisiana at his coin store which was at the front of his home at 602 Hudson Lane. About 4PM three men entered his store and Collins was shot once in the chest. It is unknown if anything was taken from his store. As of May 5, 2014 no arrests have been made.

The local newspaper, The News Star, reported that on March 25, 2014 Collins' store was burglarized. Most of the items in the burglary were not recovered. The suspect was identified and during a standoff with police, he shot and killed himself.

Collins joined the Numismatists of Wisconsin (NOW) in 1972. He held Life Membership #18. From 1982-84 he served as Secretary/Treasurer. He also served on the NOW Board from 1984-86. He was a member of the ANA and a Life Member of Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS) #200.

Early on he operated a store in Menomonee Falls, WI under the name of Falls Coins with Ken Christie. He then moved to Schofield, WI and sold coins under the name of Collins Coins and Stamps. He moved to Milwaukee and then moved to Monroe, LA. He had a table at the Iola coin show in 2010. *(This obit submitted by Tom Casper.)*



Len Roosmalen

Madison Coin Club and Numismatists of Wisconsin (NOW) life member #46, Len Roosmalen, died on May 7, 2014 in Wisconsin at the age of 84.

Len was a collector for 50 years and a full-time dealer specializing in error and variety coins for 33 years. He was very active in coin club activities. For the Combined Organizations of Numismatic Error Collectors of America (CONECA) he served seven years on the Board of Directors (1984 and 1985 and 1990-1994), conducting 76 auctions as the club's auctioneer, and served as Errorama show Chair twice (1987 and 1990). He won the club's first Kenny Knapp Top Recruiter Award in 1987 and reached the 50 member recruiting milestone in 2002. He won the Lyndon King Outstanding Member of the Year Award in 1988 and 1993. And he was inducted into the CONECA Hall of Fame in 1994.

Len received the ANA's Glenn Smedley Award in 1992, which recognizes individuals who have devoted their efforts to the betterment of the association. He served as President of Midwest Error Coin Collectors. He was a Life Member of the American Numismatic Association, CONECA and a past board member of NOW. He was given an Honorary Life Membership in the Madison, Wisconsin Coin Club, and was the chairman of both the spring and fall Madison coin shows most years in the 1980's and 1990's.

From 1979 to 2003 Len owned Len's Coins and Stamps, in Madison, WI. Every two months over a period of 14 years he conducted a mail-order auction consisting exclusively of error coins. In 2003 he sold the business to Jim Essence, but remained associated with the business, now called "Jim's Coins", helping to continue the auctions, and passing on his knowledge, humor, and kind spirit to future generations of numismatists.

Len was always grateful to all the dealers and customers with whom he did business, and especially those who participated in the error coin auctions and who shared their interest in coins with him. At the end he wanted to thank everyone for a great life in numismatics!

Len served in the Army Special Forces and retired as a Major. He was preceded in death by his wife Shirlee, and is survived by his three children, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and his dog Rambo.

- Rest in Peace -

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SHOW CALENDAR

June 14, 2014 - Rice Lake

Barron County Coin Show at Cedar Mall, 2900 S. Main St, Rice Lake. Hours 9:30am – 3:00pm

Bourse Chair: Sue Peterson, PO Box 362 Rice Lake, WI 54868 sue.lincolnyellow@gmail.com

July 26, 2014 – Woodruff

Lakeland Coin and Stamp Club 9th Annual Show at Woodruff Town Hall Community Room, Hwy 47 S, Woodruff, WI.

Saturday, Hours: 9am – 3pm. Free Admission. Contact: Dean Marin 715-356-9453

August 5-9, 2014 - ANA

ANA World's Fair of Money at Donald Stephens Convention Center, Chicago/Rosemont, IL.

August 17, 2014 – Fond du Lac

Fond du Lac Coin Club annual show at the Holiday Inn, 625 W. Rolling Meadows, Fond du Lac, WI. 60 tables. Hours: 9am – 4pm. Contact Randy Miller, PO Box 254, Oshkosh, WI 54903. 920-231-6161 fx920-231-6122

August 23, 2014 - Sheboygan

Sheboygan Coin & Stamp Show at The Laker's Ice Center, 1202 S. Wildwood Av. Sheboygan, WI 53082. 40 tables. Free admission. 9am – 3:30pm. Bourse Chairman: Ed Rautmann, 920-893-5864, P.O.Box 907 Sheboygan, WI 53082

October 5, 2014 – Milwaukee MNS

Milwaukee Numismatic Society's Annual Coin Show at American Serb Memorial Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave. Milwaukee. Hours: 9am-4pm, 75 tables, \$1 admission. Show Chm. Tom Casper 414-425-5444; tcasper57@hotmail.com

October 26, 2014 – Elgin, IL

Elgin Coin Club 51st Annual Show at Elgin Moose Family Center, 925 S. McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123 Hours: 9am – 4pm. Free Admission. 34 tables. Contact Don Cerny 847-888-1449. PO Box 651, So. Elgin, IL 60177

November 2, 2014- Green Bay

Nicolet Coin Club's Fall Show at Comfort Suites - Rock Garden, 1951 Bond Street, Green Bay. Free admission, 39 tables. Show Contact Roger Bohn, Ph. 920-819-7294 or boneyard7@yahoo.com.

February 15, 2015 - Oshkosh

Wisconsin Coin Expos LLC 32nd Annual Coin Show at Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 N. Main St. Oshkosh. Hours: 9am – 4pm. Free Admission. Contact Randy Miller, PO Box 254, Oshkosh, WI 54903. 920-231-6161 fx920-231-6122.

March 22, 2015 - Madison

Madison 83rd Anniversary Coin Show at Sheraton Hotel, 706 John Nolan Drive, Madison. Hours: 9-4 p.m. 50 tables. Contact Jim Essence, Jim's Coins, 702 N. Midvale Ave., Madison, WI Phone: 608-2233-2118 or www.jimscoins.net.

March 26,27,28, 2015 – Milwaukee SSCC

South Shore Coin Club's 51st Annual Coin Show at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport (NEW LOCATION!), 6401 S. 13th St., Milwaukee, WI. Wisconsin's largest and only 3-day show! March 26 (12 – 6pm), 27 (10 -6), 28 (10 -4). First 200 Seniors (62+) Free. Contact Joe B. at 414-327-6156. Website: ssccmke.org.

March 29, 2015 - Appleton

Fox Valley Coin Club's 60th Annual Spring Coin Show at Darboy Club, N.9695 County Rd. N., Appleton, WI. 40 tables. Contact James Bayer/Jerry Roberts, PO Box 1981, Appleton, WI 54912 5491S. Ph: 920-739-1089.

April 9 - 12, 2015 – Chicago International Coin Fair

Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, Rosemont, IL

April 19, 2015 – Wausau

Wisconsin Valley Coin Club's Show at Howard Johnson's Inn & Conference Center, 2101 N. Mountain Road, Wausau. Hours: 9-4. Show contact: Thad Streeter, S002 Tanya St., Schofield, WI 54478. Phone: 715-574-2777, e-mail tls@hotmail.com.

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